

VARE FOLLOWERS' 'INDEPENDENCE' HAS M'NICHOLOL WORRIED

Leaders Refuse to Show Hand on Local Option and Housing, and Downtown Support of Governor Confuses Rival.

Fight Against "Toothless" Measure Led by Vare Man. Politicians Ask How Much Sincerity Is to Be Inferred From Present Attitude.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 5.—The action of Vare lieutenants in supporting the Governor on local option when that measure was considered by the House Law and Order Committee on Tuesday and in voting against the "toothless" housing bill introduced in the Legislature at the request of the Republican Organization leaders of Councils has caused almost as much consternation among the members of the McNichol machine on the Hill as did the announcement made by the Governor last Monday night, when he informed the members of the Legislature that he would go into their districts, if necessary, and take the stump against them unless they voted for local option.

Have the Vares issued orders to their followers to go along with the Governor on all big questions, including local option? This is the question that is troubling every McNichol and Crow follower in the Legislature. It remains unanswered, however, and will probably not be answered until local option comes up for a final vote in the House.

It is true, however, that Vares men defeated the "toothless" substitute for the existing housing code, and that Representative John McCintock, of West Philadelphia, the Vares man on the House Law and Order Committee, "fopped" from the "wet" to the local option majority when the committee voted last Tuesday to let the committee vote of Governor Brumbaugh.

The situation in the committee, when the question of keeping the local option bill in committee until Governor Brumbaugh wanted it reported out came up, was this: The Governor was certain of a majority, so that unless orders to the contrary had been issued, the Representative of the "wet" contingent could have voted as he personally desired without changing the result.

It is because the Vares have not as yet issued orders to their men to unite in fighting the local option bill, that the men who are leading the fight against the bill are becoming worried. In other words, the Vares have not as yet openly shown their hand in regard to local option, and have permitted their followers in the Legislature to line up as they have wanted to.

The attitude of the Vares on local option is being carefully watched. When the Vares were fighting to elect Amberg to the Speakership, they lined up 25 members of the Philadelphia delegation. If they induce 30 of these men to vote for local option, the bill would pass the House, as the local option advocates now claim 55 votes in the lower branch of the Legislature.

The Vares, however, did not favor the "toothless" housing bill which the McNichol leaders in Councils attempted to substitute for the existing code, and it was because of this that Vares leaders in the House were told to fight the substitute bill that it was defeated.

The floor leader in the House, both Vares men, received word from the Governor that the bill was not to be taken up on third reading last Tuesday afternoon, that the Governor would not sign the measure if it was passed.

The measure was, however, waged by the Philadelphia Housing Commission had lined up most of the country members against the bill, and with that strength behind them the Vares leaders in the House had an easy time defeating the bill.

Representative William H. Wilson, a Vares man, really led the fight against the measure. The other Vares leader, Charles J. Roney, Jr., was also prominent in the roll had been finished and Speaker Amberg, who is regarded by the members as the Governor's representative in the House, had voted against the bill. The vote was almost even. Wilson set the example around the floor of the House, and six members changed their votes and were counted as voting against the measure.

The Vares, however, are not defending the existing code. If the planned attempt to draw the "teeth" from the present law by amending it is made the Vares will probably be lined up with the McNichol forces behind the amendment.

TWO MEN HELD

Both Prisoners Accused of Threatening to Kill Wives.

Two men, each charged with having threatened to kill his wife, were held today by Magistrate Helcher, at the 19th and Buttonwood streets station. They are George Stollsteiner, of 655 North 11th street, and William E. O'Hara, of 1337 Ridge avenue.

Mr. Annie E. Morell, landlady of the 11th street house, testified that Stollsteiner had driven his wife into the street partly clothed, and that she is now in the care of a physician. He came home last night and when he was refused admittance, according to Mrs. Morell, threatened to break down the door and kill his wife.

O'Hara was accused by his wife of having chased her around the house with a knife, threatening to kill her and end his own life.

SNEERS AT GOOSEBONE

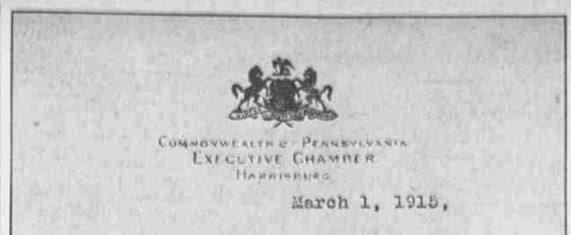
Groundhog Also Condemned by Weather Expert Bliss.

George S. Bliss, director of the Pennsylvania Climatological Service, today repudiated goosebone, turnip and groundhog weather prophets and declared their systems absolutely useless in forecasting the weather.

Mr. Bliss was the speaker at the noon-day luncheon today of the Ocean City Yacht Club at the St. James Hotel. He declared all climatological directors in the service of the United States are required to maintain an average efficiency in their predictions of 80 per cent. If they do not they are sent to some important station or dropped altogether.

Forecasting the weather today is a physical problem, according to Mr. Bliss, who has an interesting talk on ancient methods of forecasting. His answer to the objection that the weather bureau cannot tell what is going to happen far enough in advance was that the bureau will be sold and the money thus raised used in furthering the suffrage cause.

GOVERNOR URGES LOCAL OPTION FIGHT



Rev. George G. Dowey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Dowey:—

I have just received your letter of February 26th, which explains the absence of the telegram you suggest.

I should like particularly to have the 50,000 men in the Bible Classes of Philadelphia definitely organize themselves into a compact body to bring pressure to bear upon the Philadelphia delegation in the House and Senate to stand up for the local option bill now before us.

I should consider no service to this grand Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so potential for good as to have this mighty army of clean minded men stand with me for this great moral victory.

Will you be good enough to say to the men of Philadelphia for me that I need and welcome their help in securing the passage of this bill.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Brumbaugh

Photograph of letter written by Governor Brumbaugh to the Rev. George G. Dowey, organizer of the "Bible" Sunday Bible Classes and secretary of the County Sunday School Association, appealing for the help of 50,000 Bible students in bringing about the passage of the bill.

FOUR WOMEN NAMED ASSISTANT JUDGES

Will Conduct Hearings of Girls Under 16 Years Arraigned in Juvenile Court.

Delinquent girls who will be arraigned today in the Juvenile Court will face women judges. These women, as assistant judges, will in the future conduct all hearings of delinquent girls under the age of 16 years. They will make their report of each case to Judge Gorman, who will impose sentence.

The four women who will take office today are Mrs. Belle Selig, wife of Solomon Selig, of 417 Erie avenue, who represents many Hebrew societies; Mrs. Mina Richardson, assistant superintendent of the House of Detention, in charge of the girls' department; Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, superintendent of the girls' section at Glen Mills School, and Mrs. Anna C. Prince, for five years probation officer and now representing Catholic societies at the Juvenile Court.

In appointing women assistant judges to hear evidence against girl prisoners, Judge Gorman has followed the course which has been adopted in many large cities. St. Louis, Denver and Chicago have women assistant judges.

"Judge Gorman," said Mrs. Prince, one of the women appointed as judges, "has been extremely thoughtful and considerate in all the juvenile cases brought before him. He has held hearings of girls in private rooms, but even then it was necessary to have witnesses, and as a consequence he thought it better to adopt the plan as announced."

MAYOR AND DIRECTOR AT EMERGENCY AID QUARTERS

Mr. Blankenburg and Doctor Ziegler on Tour of Inspection.

Mayor and Mrs. Blankenburg and Director of the Department of Health and Charles Ziegler, of the Emergency Aid Commission, today made their first-hand information today about the work which is being carried on by the Home Relief Division of the Emergency Aid Commission for the city's poor and unemployed. The Mayor and his party visited the headquarters in the Lincoln Building and as a result of their inspection it is predicted that the bill passed by Councils appropriating \$85,000 for the amelioration of conditions among the destitute will be signed this afternoon.

One ragged visitor thought Mr. Blankenburg looked like a certain picture in the police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the illness of Mrs. Sarah Renshaw, of 1212 Pavonia street, and her two sons, Charles, 12 years old, and Harry, 4 years old, and a young friend, 12-year-old Harry Wilkie, who are at the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, as the result of eating a "grab bag" purchased at a store near the Renshaw home. According to the police, the patients show every symptom of poisoning, but the storekeeper in charge of the place where the candy is said to have been purchased denied selling the candy.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank J. Smith, 3019 N. 5th st., and Johanna Miller, 2412 1/2 st., and William J. Miller, 1014 Broadway st., and Winifred Hertzman, 1014 Broadway st., and Charles Golden, 5023 Marston st., and Florence Gaudin, 288 Thayer st., and Philip G. Schmidt, 212 N. 9th st., and Owen C. Yates, 4112 Chestnut st., and Edna Powell, 149 St. Ann st., and Albert S. Kohn, 212 N. 9th st., and Henry Schaefer, 118 Sumac st., and Minnie A. Reinhard, 504 N. Ferry st., and James A. Adams, 212 N. 9th st., and Mary P. Williams, 421 E. Rittenhouse st., and Louis A. Zanotelli, 2827 Poplar st., and Theodore Jackson, 250 Daver st., and Minnie Cook, 250 Daver st., and Fredrick M. Baker, 250 Daver st., and Joseph Miller, 1703 N. 10th st., and Beatrice Boyer, 545 N. 10th st.

Suffragist Will Make Candy

A candy-making demonstration under the auspices of the Equal Franchise Society will be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. M. C. Morgan. As well as being an ardent suffragist, Mrs. Morgan has won fame among her sister workers for the "cause" as an excellent maker of sweets. The demonstration will take place at the society's headquarters, 25 South 8th street, on the new gas range recently donated by one of the members. The candies and recipes will be sold and the money thus raised used in furthering the suffrage cause.

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BIBLE CLASS HOSTS BEHIND BRUMBAUGH IN LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

50,000 Members of "Bible" Sunday Movement Cheer Governor on in Battle Against Liquor Interests—Circulate Petitions

Philadelphia Legislators Will Be Lined Up in Struggle for Temperance—Demand for Reform Expected to Be Signed by 100,000 Persons.

Fifty thousand strong, the "Bible" Sunday Bible Classes have sent Governor Brumbaugh word that they are with him heart and soul in his fight for local option; and the Governor has replied that their help is like a sword in his hand in the battle against the liquor interests. He has appealed to them to work as a unit, and his appeal has been answered.

Five hundred Bible classes in 100 churches of the city are circulating 1000 petitions addressed to the legislators from Philadelphia to lend their aid in making Governor Brumbaugh's county local option measure a law. The petitions are being signed by business men, clergymen, clerks, apprentices, men in every walk of life. When 10,000 signatures are obtained the bill will be taken to the eight Senators and 41 Representatives from Philadelphia in the Legislature.

Efforts to gain a public hearing on the question of the bill is reported out of committee and the Governor has replied that their help is like a sword in his hand in the battle against the liquor interests. He has appealed to them to work as a unit, and his appeal has been answered.

The meeting at which the support of the Bible classes was pledged was held in the Young Men's Christian Association, Saturday night. One hundred committee members, representing the various sections of the city, endorsed the local option bill and offered the aid of their respective classes. The meeting was called and presided over by Rev. George G. Dowey, organizer of the "Bible" Sunday Bible Classes and secretary of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association.

That they had not placed their faith in the bill is failing to show the next day, when, in response to an appeal by "Bible" Sunday, 20,000 men rose to their feet in the tabernacle to signify that they would enter the battle against liquor.

BRICKLAYER BROTHER OF RAILROAD CHIEF BURIED

Body Brought From Kentucky Home. Found Rich Kinsman 4 Years Ago.

ATHENS, Pa., March 5.—The body of John T. Markham, of Hopkinton, Ky., was buried here today, being conveyed from the South in a private car of Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, a brother. The accidental discovery four years ago by the aged Kentucky bricklayer that his long-lost brother was the head of a great railroad system attracted nation-wide attention.

John T. Markham was born 76 years ago in County Clare, Ireland. When a child he came with his family to Clarksville, Tenn. Enlisting in the Confederate army he fought throughout the Civil War. When he returned to Clarksville the family had moved away.

"One John" Markham, as he was affectionately known, spent his last years with every luxury at his command. Among the numerous topics to be taken up by the various lecturers are: "Commercial Fertilizer and How to Use It," "Roses," "Picture Planting on the Lawn," "The Spraying of Fruit Trees" and "The Best Hardy Plants for the Vicinity of Philadelphia." These will be discussed this afternoon.

The speakers announced include Dr. Robert Huey, dean of American Journalism; George W. Kerr, the sweet-potato enthusiast; Isaac Roberts, an authority on fine cutlery; James Boyd, an expert on old-fashioned hardy flowers; and Robert Pyle, who is to talk on home gardening. All the sessions are free to the public.

ENDS LIFE WITH REVOLVER

Charles Bechtold shot himself through the brain last night while his wife beat frantically on the door leading to the apartment in an attempt to prevent him from ending his life. When the police arrived at the home of the couple, 1431 Park avenue, a few minutes after the shooting, Mrs. Bechtold was unconscious in a faint on one side of the locked door and the man's body was found on the other, covered with blood and with a revolver clutched in the right hand.

When Mrs. Bechtold returned from an errand at a nearby store she suspected that something was wrong when she found her husband locked in his room. She hurried herself against the door. The man cried to her to desist, and then the report of the revolver rang out. Bechtold had been acting strangely for some time and his mind is believed to have become unbalanced.

Entire Family Ill From Candy

Board of Health authorities and the police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the illness of Mrs. Sarah Renshaw, of 1212 Pavonia street, and her two sons, Charles, 12 years old, and Harry, 4 years old, and a young friend, 12-year-old Harry Wilkie, who are at the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, as the result of eating a "grab bag" purchased at a store near the Renshaw home. According to the police, the patients show every symptom of poisoning, but the storekeeper in charge of the place where the candy is said to have been purchased denied selling the candy.

Confectioners Hold Banquet

More than 200 confectioners from this city, Baltimore, Reading and New York attended the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Jobbing Confectioners' Association at Mosebach's last night. The speakers were Senator Augustus F. Daux, Representatives Frank Croft and W. T. Weir, Jr., John Wockersham, Charles Peters, A. C. Keates, F. W. Wundries, Fred Cohn, Christian Pham, J. Martin Miller, Louis Westlin and Joseph Casani.

SONO A Flowergram

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NOBODY GETS JOE McBRIDE'S GOAT, ITS OWNER DECLARES



Sagacious Animal Invaluable in Work of Delivering the Evening Ledger to Eager Patrons Downtown.

"Joe" McBride, who lives down at 122 South 21st street, has a goat named "Billy." Nobody is going to get that goat, Joe says, because he puts a wagon that carries EVENING LEDGERS to customers every afternoon.

Besides, he knows more than most any boy of Joe's acquaintance. And furthermore, besides being a good friend to the 11-year-old merchant, he is a rattling good business man, or, as you might say, a good business goat. Since he joined the newspaper delivery firm two months ago he has doubled the sales.

Joe told the story as he walked along the street beside the delivery wagon and he got so interested in extolling Billy's virtues that he forgot to stop at the next customer's house. That didn't matter, though, because when Joe thought of business and looked around, there was Billy, standing in his tracks in front of the proper place. His deliver has no reins. He knows the route like a milk wagon horse and Joe has a chance to study the next day's mental arithmetic which he trudges along the street, knowing that Billy will remind him of the places to stop. Billy waits and watches until the wares is delivered.

This is all very well as far as Joe is concerned. But woe betide you if Billy doesn't know you. He tried to chew the reporter's whisker yesterday afternoon, and as for "Fatsy" Francey, who, Fatsy was butted across the street a day or so ago because he teased Billy when the boss wasn't around. It is clear that he wouldn't have minded eating that overcoat, because he eats cigarettes and chews plug tobacco, in addition to devouring all the apples and cinnamon buns that the neighbors pass out to him.

Goat and boy do their 35 squares a day. Billy, who is a year old, was bought last Christmas, when Joe had saved \$2.50 out of his earnings, \$18 for the animal and the rest for the cart. James Irving, who has a stable at 25th and Moore streets, in which Billy lives rent free, gave a set of harness for the equipage. Young "Jimmy" Irving, aged 3, goes down to the stable every night after supper and gives the goat a drink of water.

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Joe's twin brother is also a newspaper man. He rides a bicycle around his route. "That's too old-fashioned for me," observed Joe, as he said, "Giddup, Billy."

SEES HIGHER LIFE DULLED BY BUSINESS

Rev. George Herbert Toop Deplores Conditions That Weaken Moral Sense.

"It is difficult for girls who spend their time in business life to establish homes of refinement and culture," said the Rev. George Herbert Toop, rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, in a Lenten sermon in the Garrick Theatre this noon. "The demands of the business world do not leave enough time for cultivating the better things of life."

Mr. Toop arraigned present-day business conditions. "They are tending," he said, "toward the same dangerous channels as European politics was leading to before they culminated in the present war."

"The doctrine of business is seeking to divorce personal and business morality. Business men think that when they close the door of an office at night they are locking all their transactions from sight. But the evidence of these things will inevitably crop out in their lives."

"Business has never been conducted under absolutely moral lines. The business world winks at practices which would not be tolerated in private life. It is unfortunate that present day life centers in business. We have no time for the religion, the culture and the refinement which our grandfathers had."

Mr. Toop contrasted the turmoil of modern metropolitan life, which he designated "The voice of the noise of the city," with "the voice of the temple of the most high God." "The voice of the temple, and not that of the city, will bring the durable benefits," he declared.

HUMILITY A LENTEN THEME

Pastor Extols Virtue as the Most Christlike.

Humility was extolled as the most Christlike of all virtues by the Rev. Harry D. Vinton, in the noonday Lenten service at Old St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and Pine streets, today. The ancient despised humility, Mr. Vinton stated, because it was the characteristic of slaves, and it was Christ himself who made humility a virtue to be sought for.

Three things, he explained, were necessary for Christian humility—the teachableness of a little child, a readiness for service and a willingness to lay aside dignity and come down to the common level and help our fellows.

"Christ," he continued, "raised the virtue of humility from a despised and lowly place to the highest place among the virtues to be desired among all men."

LAYMEN BEG ACCESS TO "INNER CIRCLE" OF CHURCH WITH CLERGY

Methodist Episcopal Pastors Asked to Share Responsibility of Working Out Destiny of Institution.

Steps Are Taken to Raise \$400,000 for Pension Fund for Superannuated Ministers. Reports Show Liquor Traffic Is "On the Run."

ATLANTIC CITY, March 4.—Plea of the laity to be admitted to the "inner circle" and permitted to have a real part in working out the destiny of the church, adoption of a plan whereby worn-out pastors or ill-health ministers may look forward to retirement upon a pension guaranteed to them under church law, and the enthusiastic reception of reports which declared the days of the saloon in New Jersey are numbered were striking notes of the New Jersey Conference here today.

William Child, of Red Bank, presented to the laymen's convention a plea for equal lay representation in conference. PENSION FUND TAKEN UP. The consideration of the Conference Claimants' Fund to relieve the worry and embarrassment of retired ministers when sick or ill-health ministers may look forward to retirement upon a pension guaranteed to them under church law, and the enthusiastic reception of reports which declared the days of the saloon in New Jersey are numbered were striking notes of the New Jersey Conference here today.

The aim of the committee is to raise \$400,000 within the next seven years as the conference's share of the proposed \$5,000,000 general fund. The proposition to appoint a field agent who will present the cause of the proachers to the larger congregations was adopted. Several ministers declined this position and the bishop may take the selection in his own hands.

Pastors from all parts of the conference made indignant denial of the charge of Mayor Riddle, of Atlantic City, that exclusive farwell message to the New Jersey population in New Jersey is a sham and a pretense.

Camden is closed tighter than a drum and the police have enforced vigorously in Trenton," said the Rev. Melville E. Snyder. Doctor Snyder refused to credit the Mayor's charge that Long Branch is "wide open."

FAREWELL STATEMENT READ

In a statement, embraced in his annual report, left unfinished when he died a week ago, the late Rev. Percy Partridge, district superintendent of Trenton, sent a farewell message to the New Jersey Conference. When read aloud it affected visibly the crowded church. The statement follows in part:

"This has been a strenuous year for me. My physician tells me that if I am to live I must rest. I have given 20 years of service to the Methodist Episcopal ministry. I am now going back to the sea and the moment I step ashore to regain my health. If I do, I am at your command. If I do not, I am going to heaven, and when you come you will find my mansion on the boulevard and there will be no lock on the door. God bless you all!"

Assemblyman Charles A. Wolvorton, Camden, speaks this afternoon on the need of a closer relation between district superintendents and the lay element. Dr. Grafton E. Day, Collingswood, will talk on "A Plan of Work." Temperance will be the big topic for the conference tomorrow.

The Trenton district report, presented by the Rev. J. W. Marshall, showed church improvements aggregating \$1,000, the mortgage indebtedness of \$17,500 reduced and 3000 conversions.

"We are pending away at the rum traffic," reported the Rev. George H. Neal, superintendent of the Bridgeton district. "But for two taverns, Cumberland County would be entirely dry. South Jersey is ablaze with religious enthusiasm. Billy Sunday sermons published in newspapers have added fuel to the fire. Feuds have been healed and hundreds taken from the saloons."

The expected denunciation of Mayor William Riddle, open Sunday advocate, came today in the report of the Rev. Sanford M. Nichols, Presiding Elder of Camden district, including Atlantic City.

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